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SUBJECT: VILLAGE ELECTIONS IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE ANNOUNCED

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1. OFFICIAL VIET- NAM PRESS MORNING EDITION MARCH 23 REPORTED
QUOTE: KIEN TUONG (PROVINCE) AUTHORITIES ARE SCHEDULED TO
ORGANIZE NEXT MAY 13 THE ELECTIONS OF VILLAGE COUNCILS FOR THE
1973-1976 TERM IN 13 OUT OF 18 VILLAGES IN THE PROVINCE THE
CABINET, AT A MEETING LAST MARCH 10, DECIDED TO ORGANIZE THE
NATIONWIDE RE- ELECTION OF VILLAGE COUNCILS, WHICH HAD BEEN
DELAYED DUE TO THE WAR SITUATION FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIST
NORTH VIETNAMESE APRIL 1972 OFFENSIVE. UNQUOTE

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2. THESE ARE THE FIRST ELECTIONS TO BE SCHEDULED SINCE THE GVN ANNOUNCED THE RESTORATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS AT A DATE QUOTE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER UNQUOTE ON MARCH 16 (REF A).

3. COMMENT: KIEN TUONG IS USUALLY THE FIRST DELTA PROVINCE TO HOLD LOCAL ELECTIONS UNDER THE GVN' S PATTERN OF ROTATING ELECTIONS IN SUCCESSIVE PROVINCES IN MR 4. (ROTATION IS BASICALLY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE AND TO AVOID OVER-

3. JOHN SVENNINGSE, GENERAL SECRETARY OF NORDIC TRADE UNION COUNCIL HAS STATED ALL NORDIC UNIONS WILL SUPPORT DANISH LO AS NEEDED AND AS REQUESTED BY DANES. SVENNINGSSEN QUOTED AS SAYING DANES COULD PROBABLY HOLD OUT FOUR WEEKS BEFORE ECONOMIC SUPPORT NEEDED. POSSIBILITY OF SYMPATHY STRIKES BEING DISCUSSED. OLSEN

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